power projects in the country including the State of Orissa. These incentive schemes are: financial support for Detailed Survey & Investigation, Detailed Project Report Preparation, Capital subsidy for Government sector projects and interest subsidy for commercial projects.

Four small hydro power projects aggregating 1.30 MW have been set up in the State of Orissa and 7 projects aggregating 9.93 MW are under implementation. MNES is supporting 8 small hydro projects aggregating 9.7 MW under the capital subsidy scheme.

Reducing land disputes by implementing land reform laws

†3145. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes formulated by Government to reduce the number of land disptues;

(b) whether land disputes will be reduced through implementation of land reforms laws; and

(c) if so, by when the same are likely to come into force in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The land and its management is the responsibility of the respective State Governments as provided under Entry No. 18 List II—State List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The Central Government plays an advisory and co-ordinating role. The Government of India have not formulated any specific scheme to reduce the number of land disputes.

Need for a legislation to regulate use of ground water

3146. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the State Governments have expressed a desire for a legislation to regulate use of ground water in their regions in view of the over exploitation of the ground water;

(b) whether any such Bill or proposal is pending before the Ministry;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details of such a proposal and by when the Government is going to bring it before Parliament for its approval; and

(d) the State-wise number of villages in the country facing the problem of quality water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) Water being a State subject, suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development has to be enacted by the States/Union Territories. However, in 1970, the Union Government had circulated a "Model Bill to regulate and control the development of ground water and matters connected therewith" to all the States/Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable legislation. Thereafter, a revised Model Bill was circulated in September, 1992 and again in June, 1996 to all the States/UTs. So far, States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have enacted legislation to regulate the use of ground water.

(d) State-wise number of quality affected habitations as on 01.04.1999 are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Status of Quality Affected Habitations as on 1.4.99 *as received from State Govts. in response of Secretary Letter No. Q-*14018/67/99-*TM (STAT) dated* 17 *November,* 1999

S. No.	State/UT	Habitations Affected by						
		Fluoride	Salinity	Iron	Arsenic	Nitrate	Other Reason	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8301	5518	441	0	0	0	14260
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
3.	Assam	12	0	40972	0	0	0	40984
4.	Bihar	18	—	23514	0	0	0	23532
5.	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Gujarat	1175	256	0	0	0	0	1431
7.	Haryana	131	0	0	0	0	0	131
8.	Himachal Pradesh	738	106	450	0	0	0	1294

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Karnataka	954	1002	483	417	0	0	2856
11.	Kerala	115	37	549	0	0	0	701
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1686	788	3297	2	0	0	5773
13.	Maharashtra	21	480	0	0	0	0	501
14.	Manipur	0	0	15	0	0	0	15
15.	Meghalaya	0	0	282	0	0	0	282
16.	Mizoram	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
17.	Nagaland	0	0	128	0	0	0	128
18.	Orissa	2712	3361	58060	0	0	0	64133
19.	Punjab	997	776	28	0	0	0	1801
20.	Rajasthan	16560	14415	0	0	0	0	30975
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	1835	5219	1000	0	4000	1400	13454
23.	Tripura	0	0	7283	0	0	0	7283
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1667	624	2115	0	0	0	4406
25.	West Bengal	52	—	—	3133	0	0	3185
26.	A & N Islands	0	0	29	0	0	0	29
27.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Lakshadweep	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
31.	Pondicherry	14	5	17	1	3	0	40
32.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	36988	32597	138670	3553	4003	1400	217211

1. In Karnataka fresh survey is under progress.
2. In Mizoram habitations are affected by Excess Iron but their number is not given in the report.
3. In Nagaland survey is in progress in case of Fluoride, Arsenic and Salinity affected habitations.
4. In Orissa the quality affected habitations are estimated.
5. As intimated by UP State Govt. the figure 4406 is based on the water sample tested as yet.
   However, testing of water sample is in progress and so the figure is liable to increase.
6. In West Bengal 221 and 59 blocks are affected with excess iron and salinity. The habitations are yet to identified. In case of fluoride and arsenic the habitations are identified and compiled upto 31-12-98.